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MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE CRUISING ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The late-night cruising that wreaks havoc throughout the streets of Milwaukee is a far cry from the days of "American Graffiti."

Those involved in cruising have created a blight on the neighborhoods where this is occurring, for both residents and businesses. It causes a danger to other motorists and often results in an increase in crime. Milwaukee Police will ensure the city's neighborhoods and streets are not taken over by this activity.

"Perhaps the greatest crime in cruising is that it steals the quality of life from residents and those who run businesses in the neighborhoods where this is occurring," said Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty. "Residents of the city of Milwaukee count on the Police Department to keep the streets safe and to help them maintain strong, peaceful places to live and work."

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett added, "Residents and business owners have made strong, personal commitments to live and work in our neighborhoods and should not be subjected to activities that diminish their quality of life or disrupt their livelihoods."

Those who take part in cruising often caravan throughout the city large in groups of vehicles, beeping their horns, frequently ignoring traffic signals and even driving on the sidewalk. Passengers in these vehicles often sit atop the door frames or even ride on the hoods. This practice puts in jeopardy the safety of everyone on the road and causes severe traffic congestion, impeding the routes of emergency vehicles.

Residents where this activity occurs report engines revving, car stereos blasting and disorderly behavior in the streets and yards late at night and into the early morning hours.

Crimes resulting from cruising include littering, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated, property damage, theft and traffic and motor vehicle violations. These crimes result in fines, arrests and can lead to vehicles being towed.

Milwaukee Police Officers will be conducting regular enforcement where cruising has been reported. Those not complying with the laws and ordinances of the city of Milwaukee will be cited and/or arrested.

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